

Mina O'Donohoe services today

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Funeral services were held Monday morning for Mina O'Donohoe, 79, who died Friday afternoon at Singing River Hospital.

A native of New Orleans, Miss O'Donohoe had lived many years in Pascagoula. Her home was at 323 Laurel.

Conducting services was Msgr. P. J. Carey at Our Lady of Victories Church. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Surviving are a brother John F. O'Donohoe, Wichita Falls, Tex.; nephews Jack and John O'Donohoe, Wichita Falls, Joe O'Donohoe, Meridian, and James O'Donohoe, Ft. Worth, Tex., and a niece Mrs. William Moffett, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Pallbearers were the nephews and Joe Pelham, Quinn Gautier, Hal Vaughan and Frank Canty.

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4-6 L. G. Hooper 1965

Lynn Goodrich Hooper, 75, died Sunday in Singing River Hospital where he had been a patient one day.

He was born in Minnesota August, 1, 1890. He resided at 604 Magnolia St., Moss Point. He was a bookkeeper for a building supply firm before retiring.

The body will be at Falls Funeral Home at 3 p.m. today. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Falls Chapel in Moss Point with the Rev. Clyde Gunn assisted by the Rev. M. L. Smith officiating. Interment will be in Griffin Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Inez Breland Hooper of Moss Point.

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Charles "Jimmy" Ryan died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2002 at his home in Moss Point, Miss. Mr. Ryan was a life-long resident of Kreole, Miss. He was born on Sept. 26, 1919, in County, Miss. Mr. Ryan was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. He served from IPCO after 39 years having served as Secretary of the Paper Mill Workers Union for many years. He was a former member of the American Legion and a member of the Kreole United Methodist Church in Moss Point, Miss. Mr. Ryan was preceded in death by his parents, James C. and Victoria Ryan; sisters, Baby Ryan, Ellie Mae Dudley Moore and Gloria Ryan; brothers, Billy and

Charles Ryan. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruby C. Hough of Moss Point; two daughters, Joan Boudreaux and Maryle Ryan Herndon of Helena, Miss.; sister, Wistalke of Chicago; son, Paul Ryan of Fla.; grandchildren, Joe (Pam) Purnell, Sherri Purnell Walker, Caley Reeves and Carl Herndon; great grandchildren, Matthew Ditsworth, Cheyenne, and Ethan Walker; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Dec. 30, 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., at Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 11 a.m., in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Roy Barlow, the Rev. Edeker and the Rev. Stork officiating. Burial will follow at the Orange Cemetery in Moss Point.

Bearers will be Ryan, Lonnie Bosarge, Seaman, Horace Goff,

HINKEL

Mr. Percy H. Hinkel Jr., 79, of Moss Point, Miss., died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002 at his home. Mr. Hinkel was born in the Pecan area of Jackson County on March 5, 1923, and remained a lifelong resident of the area. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church

in Moss Point, Miss., VFW Post 3373, Knights of Columbus and the Elks Lodge. Mr. Hinkel was retired from Ingalls Shipbuilding as a machinery foreman. Mr. Hinkel was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy having proudly served during World War II and the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents Percy and Nora Hinkel; two brothers, Lewis and Bill Hinkel; a sister-in-law Genevieve Hinkel and a brother-in-law Don Hiestand.

Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Mrs. Eva Young Hinkel; three sons, and daughters in law, Bobby and Cherry Hinkel, George and Judy Hinkel and Gary and Donna Hinkel; a brother and sister in law, Harold and Elsie Hinkel; sister and brother in law Delores and Charles Hudson and a sister Agnes Hiestand. Eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002 from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Moss Point, Miss. Funeral Mass will follow at 2 p.m. with Father Dominick Fullam and Father Patrick Hayes officiating. Internment will be at Jackson County Memorial Park with Mr. Hinkel's grandsons serving as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Hospice of Light.

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Goodrich Family

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Jeff O'Keefe will portray Pierre LeMoynes d'Iberville for 301st Anniversary Celebration of the landing of d'Iberville in 1699 at Ocean Springs.

Committee celebrates landing of d'Iberville

By Elise Clark
Record-Independent

The 1699 Historical Committee is proud to announce the 301st Anniversary Celebration of the Landing of d'Iberville in 1699 at Ocean Springs.

The event will take place Friday through Saturday with special events scheduled for each day with the re-enactment Sunday afternoon.

The celebration begins Friday evening with a reunion picnic at Fort Maurepas. The public is invited and participants should bring a covered dish. Saturday has been designated as "Merchant's Day" which will include participation of the downtown merchants and events at the Community Center and Marshall Park. Saturday evening, the Historical Committee will host the Historic Ball and Pageant at the Ocean Springs Civic Center.

This year's d'Iberville will be presented along with his officers, the crew and the cassette girls. Admission to the ball is \$15. Recommended attire for the gentlemen is a suit and cocktail dress for the ladies.

Tickets available

Tickets are available through the Chamber of Commerce, Broome's Grocery or at the door. Sunday begins with a morning mass at Fort Maurepas followed by the 1699 re-enactment of the landing on the site of the Indian Village on Front Beach. The celebration culminates with a grand reception at Fort Maurepas.

The 1699 Historical Committee selected Jeffrey Hugh O'Keefe to portray d'Iberville for this year's re-enactment. O'Keefe is President and CEO of Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home Inc. and fifth generation family member to operate the business. O'Keefe's community involvements include

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast and the Pine Burr Area Boys Scouts of America, Elks Club and Knights of Columbus. O'Keefe and his wife Georgia Lynn have three sons, Jeffrey Jr., Jacob and Jordan.

O'Keefe is one of thirteen children from a family rich with coastal history. The committee is pleased to present Jeffrey Hugh O'Keefe as Pierre LeMoynes d'Iberville. Other portrayals will be by committee members, local residents and various civic organizations.

Participants in this year's festivities will include Keesler Drum & Bugle Corp, Keesler 50 Flag Unit, Fort Maurepas Living History, Shriners and costumed entries.

The 1699 Historical Committee gratefully acknowledges the valuable support given by Ocean Springs, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, neighboring cities, Keesler Air Force Base, the Police and Fire Departments of Ocean Springs, and the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, the committee acknowledges the support of many, many other individuals and organizations helping the make the 301st Anniversary celebration a success.

This year's 1699 Historical Committee Officers are President, Mary Lee Terry; Vice-President, David Fausnaugh; Recording Secretary, Robert Willits; Corresponding Secretary, Eleanor R. Geller; and Treasurer, Delissa Britt. The Celebration Chairpersons are Schools, Jane Dacey; Merchants Day, Mary Alice Minor; Pet Costume Parade, Duchess Club; Needlework, Linda Richard; Cassette Girls, Linda Terry; Ball Coordinator, Florita Mitzel, Pageant Coordinator, Ruth Neeley; Landing Coordinators, Steve and Lois Barbneckt; Mass, Msgr. James Hannon and Ron Crosby; Indian Affiliars, BPOE 2501; Sound/Lighting, Ron Luetjen; and

Costumes, Josettes. President Terry wishes to express gratitude for the contributions made by these individuals.

Terry also invites any residents interested in participating in and planning future historical events to join the 1699 Historical Committee or The Fort Maurepas Society. The Historical Committee meets the first Monday of the month.

Meeting times

The Fort Maurepas Society meets the first Wednesday of the month. Both organizations meet in the Ocean Springs Community Center at 7:30 pm. New members would be most welcome and vital to the future of these worthwhile endeavors.

All events for this weekend celebration are open to the public. There is no charge for any event except for the ball Saturday night. "Welcome to The City of Discovery"

Schedule of Events

■ Friday, April 28 – School Day

6:00 pm: Reunion Picnic at Fort Maurepas-Covered dish supper with entertainment

■ Saturday, April 29 – Merchant's Day

9:00 am-4:00 pm: Treasure Hunt, Period Costume Award, Entertainment

10:00 am-4:00 pm: Needlework and School Day Exhibit-Community Center Children's Pet Costume Parade-Starts at Children's Park Costume Awards

8:00 pm: Historic Ball and Pageant-Ocean Springs Civic Center

■ Sunday, April 30 – Re-enactment Day

10:30 am: Mass at Fort Maurepas

2:30 pm-3:15pm: 1699 Re-enactment of the Landing on the site of the Indian Village on Front Beach

3:30 pm: Grand reception at Fort Maurepas.

Merrill Cemetery

Written by: Luwana P. Hobby

Forgotten . . . with time. Today when a loved one passes away, we have the opportunity to lay them to rest in a perpetual garden, church cemetery, or other maintained graveyard. But, where are the graves of our ancestors of 60, 80, 100 or more years ago? Do you know?

Well, if your family lived in or near Northwest George or Southwest Greene County area in the early 1900's, it is a possibility that they could be buried in the Merrill Cemetery.

The Merrill Cemetery is located in the Northwest Corner of George County off the Crossroads-Merrill Road. This particular location for the cemetery was chosen because of the high elevation and very low risk of ever flooding.

The cemetery contains approximately 30 marked graves, and possibly between 30 and 50, maybe more, unmarked graves. The earliest marked grave was dated 1903. It could be that there is an earlier one . . . that is not marked.

On January 26, 1996, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History awarded the cemetery a Certificate of Historical Significance. This allowed the George County Board of Supervisors the authority under the House Bill #780, to repair, rehabilitate and maintain the Merrill Cemetery as a historical monument.

About a year ago, the county did begin an attempt to clean the cemetery with the aid of county inmate labor. They removed trees from the inside boundaries. During the removal of these trees, bricks that were used as the only type of markers on a number of graves, were moved and the exact locations are hard to determine. The trees were pushed into large

The Merrill Cemetery, long neglected, was in serious need of clean-up and maintenance. Above is a gravesite before cleanup.

Adam and Clayton Hobby, sons of Michael and Luwana Hobby, pose in front of the distinctive grave marker of E.B. Taylor. Taylor moved to Merrill from Copiah County and was uncle to E.B. (Uncle Ben) Taylor, former postmaster of Merrill.



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A Civil War gravestone hidden in the underbrush.



cemetery edge. Over the past months, since the trees were removed and sunlight was once again able to shine upon the cemetery, underbrush has begun to overrun the area. Do not interpret this as a complaint, because it is not. The work they did was appreciated very much.

In recent weeks, Michael R. Hobby and his wife Luwana and their sons, Adam and Clayton; Diana Knight, and Dewaine Hobby, who are great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of the late Henry C. and Alice T. Hobby (who are buried in the Merrill Cemetery), along with the help from members of the Sons of Confederate Soldiers organization, have begun making efforts to rehabilitate the cemetery grounds. They worked with great effort, to remove the underbrush, not just that which covered their family members' graves but throughout the entire cemetery. Once this was done, grave markers were cleaned (this was the first time for many, if not all, of the stones to ever be cleaned). The Mississippi State Forestry Commission considerably pushed a fire lane around the cemetery so that the brush, roots and stumps that carpet the ground could be burned away. This burning has not taken place as of yet. We hope to schedule it in the near future. The George County Co-op graciously donated enough weed killer spray for a single spraying, but more will be needed throughout the summer and fall months.

Sunken graves, low spots and stump holes are in the process of being filled (from dirt provided by the supervisors) so that the ground can become level once again and riding lawn mowers can then be used for easy maintenance. What remains to be done, so that the cemetery can once again become a peaceful and beautiful resting place for those that we knew and still love today?

- Equipment is needed to continue the ground work. Large equipment cannot be used, due to the uncertainty of the ground stability and grave



Adam and Clayton Hobby
Hobby, pose in front of the
E.B. Taylor. Taylor moved
and was uncle to E.B.
postmaster of Merrill.

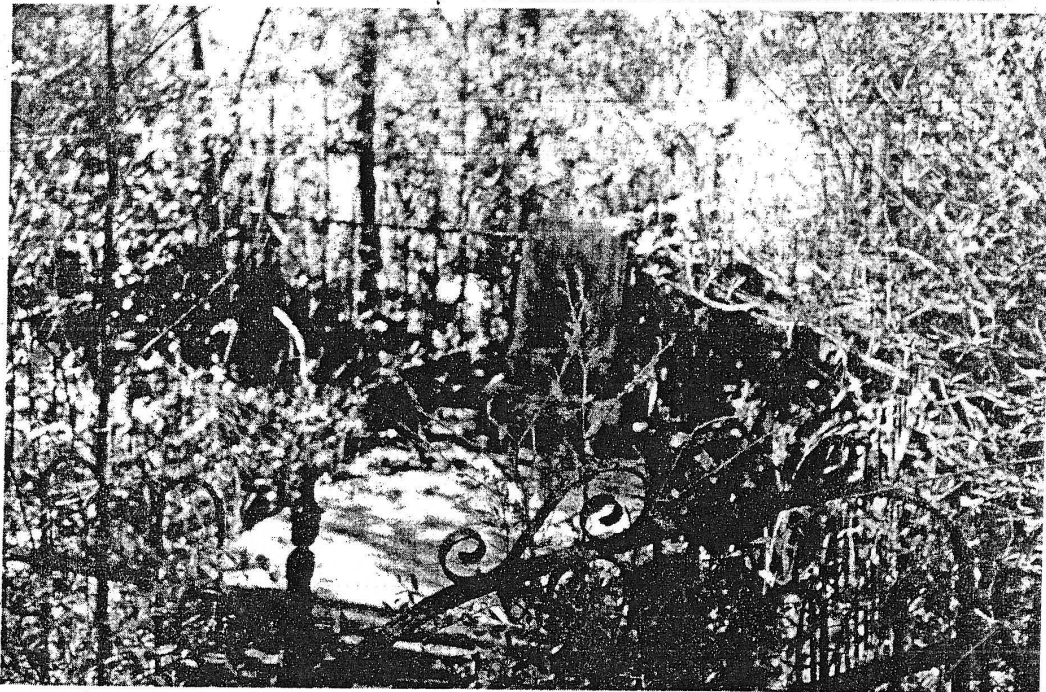
Choked by weeds and brush
this grave at Merrill
Cemetery needed attention.

location. A tractor
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- Numerous markers
from their bases, and
broken. These are in

sons of Michael and Luwana
the distinctive grave marker of
to Merrill from Copiah County
(Uncle Ben) Taylor, former

The oldest marked burial site
in the Merrill Cemetery, in
the process of being cleaned
and restored.



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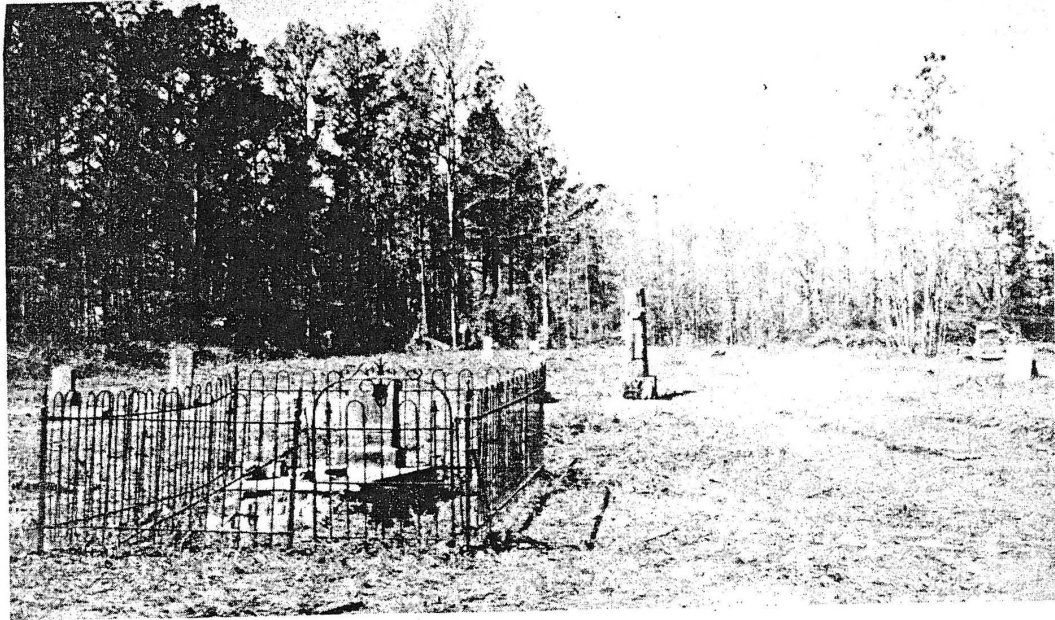
- Fencing . . . of course a chain-link fence around the entire cemetery would be beautiful. One 8-foot drive-thru gate in the center road is all that would be needed. But, if that is not possible what is known as hog wire fencing would be sufficient around three sides, and chain-link across the front with the gate.

- A sign or historical landmark marker.

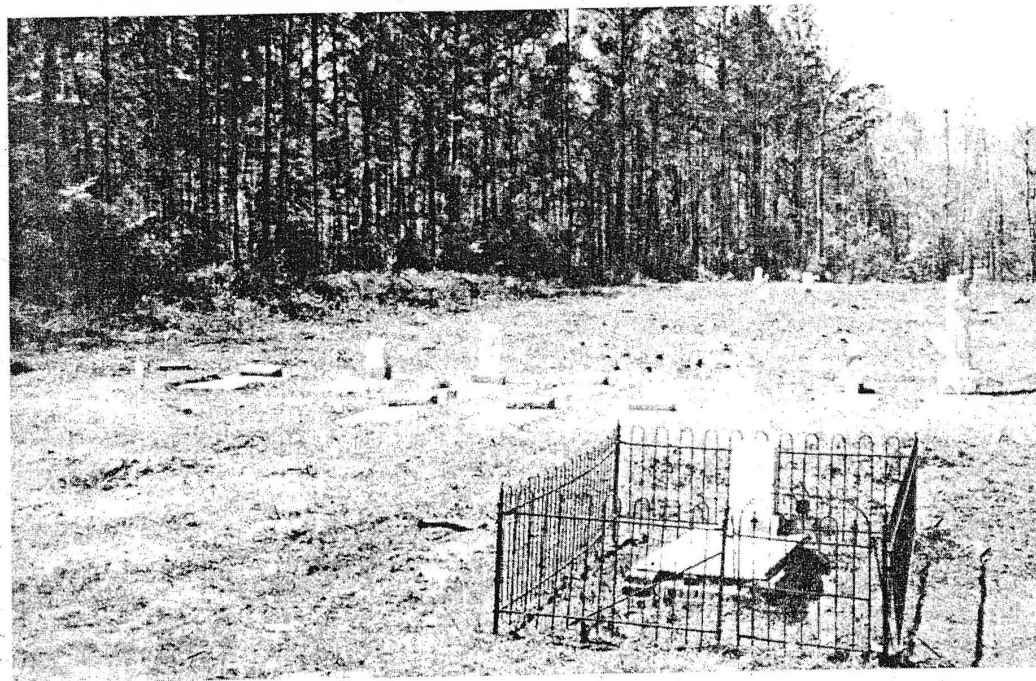
- and most of all volunteers.

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After a lot of hard work, the cemetery grounds were cleared, although the stones are still weathered and dirty.



Newly-cleaned gravestones gleam in the sunlight in the cleared Merrill Cemetery.

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in the cemetery. If you're not sure whether you have relatives in this particular cemetery or not, ask older relatives or friends that may have lived near here or had family members here, check old family Bibles and records or old newspaper clippings. It was said that all the funeral home records prior to 1945 were destroyed in a fire, so that avenue of research seems to be at a dead end.

It is our request that anyone having any knowledge of the cemetery and/or graves please contact: Luwana Hobby at (601) 947-2386.

The projects that remain to be done are not going to come cheap. We are in the process of researching for grants that may be available to help cover cost. Any individual or organization that may be interested in helping with the cemetery cleaning effort please contact us. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Our (yours and mine) loved ones are gone . . . the only thing we have left to offer them is respect and the dignity that they still deserve.

I am also trying to put together a scrap book on the Town of Merrill. I would like to include as much as possible in this book. If you have anything that you would like to contribute please contact me. I need things such as photos from the past and present, (black and white or color photo copies are okay). I would also like to include stories and/or memories of those who lived in or near the town.

A family request, no marker for Alice Hobby was ever placed on her grave; she died in 1911; she and Henry also had three infant daughters buried next to them with no markers. Any descendent of Henry C. and Alice Hobby that would like to contribute toward the purchase of marker(s) please contact Luwana. (I am also working on the Hobby Family Tree; please contact me with your information, (if you have not already done so), so that I may include it in the book. These will be available soon.

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